

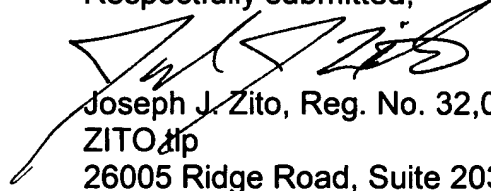
**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to include the United States patent number from which this application claims priority (Item 5).

Claim 2 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections in Item 7.

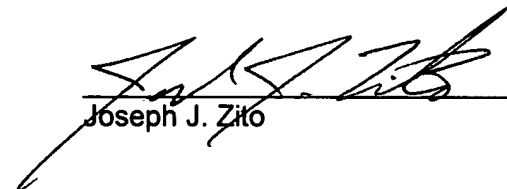
Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned counsel if additional information is required.

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